

Amendments to the drawings:

Figures 1-13, amended in accordance with the Office Action, are presented in the drawings Replacement Sheets (Appendix, *infra*), in place of the corresponding figures currently of record.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheets (10)

Remarks/Arguments:

The specification is amended, hereby, to add the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings," and to be commensurate with amendments to the drawings effected hereby.

Amended drawing figures are submitted, herewith, as explained above.

Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-23 are pending.

Claims 2, 8, and 24-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 is presently amended by incorporation of claims 2 and 8. Claim dependencies are changed in view of the cancellation of claims 2 and 8.

The objections to the drawings are overcome by the replacement drawings provided herewith, in accordance with the aforesaid amendment to the drawings. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is in order.

The specification is objected to for not having headings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.77. With all due respect, neither Rule 77 nor any other PTO Rule requires that headings be inserted in the specification: inserting headings into the specification is merely advisory under PTO rules; as indicated in the instant Office Action (page 4), itself: "The following order or arrangement is preferred" (emphasis added). This only makes sense, because an applicant's specification might not lend itself to the inserting of heading as set forth in PTO Rule 77.

Nevertheless, notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to advance prosecution applicant has inserted into the specification, hereby, the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings." Note is

taken that the instant specification is written in such a manner that it does lend itself to inserting the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings." Withdrawal of the objection is in order.

The objection to claim 12 is overcome by inserting the symbol for registered trademark immediately after the mark, as described in the instant specification (page 17, line 33, and page 18, line 18). The objection to claim 12 is overcome and, accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is in order.

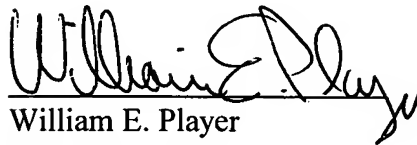
By the instant amendment, all of the claims are limited to the subject matter of claim 8. Since the PTO found the subject matter of claim 8 "allowable" (Office Action, page 8), all of the present claims are allowable, pursuant to the instant Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,310,258 (Godat). Claims 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as allegedly being clearly anticipated by FR 2521493. Claims 24 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being clearly anticipated by FR 2649911. Claims 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,802,649 (Stockton).

All of the rejections are rendered moot since all the present claims are limited to the subject matter of a non-rejected claim, i.e., claim 8, which subject matter was, moreover, expressly found "allowable" by the PTO, pursuant to the Office Action. Withdrawal of all of the rejections is, therefore, in order.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
(Replacement Sheets of Drawings)